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YOU MAY WISH TO CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS TO LUNS, BEARING IN MIND HIS WATCHING BRIEF AND OUR DESIRE TO KEEP HIM ABREAST OF OUR THINKING ON CYPRUS SITUATION AND SUPPLEMENT MARCH 8 BRIEFING BY HARTMAN.

--SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD USEFUL MEETINGS WITH THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER IN BRUSSELS ON MARCH 7 AND WITH THE TURKISH LEADERSHIP IN ANKARA MARCH 10-11. THE OBJECTIVE OF THESE MEETINGS WAS TO STRESS THE URGENCY OF MAKING PROGRESS AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP A SUB-STANTIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WOULD GIVE PROMISE OF AN EARLY AND COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT.

--PROGRESS IN THIS DIRECTION WAS MADE AND IT APPEARS THAT
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REAL MOVEMENT MAY BE ATTAINABLE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.

--CARAMANLIS REMAINS ANXIOUS TO GET THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BEHIND GREECE BECAUSE HE BELIEVES, AS WE DO, THAT THE LONGER THE PROBLEM REMAINS UNSOLVED, THE MORE DESTABILIZING THE SITUATION WILL BECOME FOR ALL THE GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION. IN THIS CONTEXT, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE GREEKS WOULD BE PREPARED TO ADOPT MORE FLEXIBLE POSITIONS DURING NEGO-

TIATIONS IF THE TURKS WERE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW FROM SOME OF THE AREA THEY NOW HOLD AS PART OF A TOTAL SETTLEMENT.

--IN ANKARA SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT TURKISH TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS WERE NECESSARY AND WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

--THE TURKS ALSO UNDERLINED THEIR CONCERN OVER THE AID CUT-OFF AND ASSURANCES WERE GIVEN THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS WORKING HARD TO HAVE AID REINSTATED AND WAS HOPEFUL THAT A BILL ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE FAVORABLY REPORTED TO THE SENATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

--WE MADE IT CLEAR TO BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS THAT WE HAVE NO US PLAN OR SET OF PROPOSALS FOR CYPRUS. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS STRESSED THAT NEGOTIATIONS TO BE SUCCESSFUL NEEDED RHYTHM AND PACE; THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SERIES OF LOST OPPORTUNITIES IN 1974 AND EARLY 1975; AND THAT THE TIME MIGHT BE AT HAND TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO DEAL WITH FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES.

--IMPORTANCE OF TURKISH AND GREEK TALKS ON THE AEGEAN AND THE WAY IN WHICH A SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL AND FLEXIBILITY FROM SUCH TALKS COULD HAVE A HELPFUL SPILL-OVER EFFECT WAS ALSO STRESSED.

--THE RESULTS OF THE MEETINGS WERE POSITIVE BUT, REALISTICALLY, THE GOVERNMENT SITUATION IN ANKARA WILL HAVE TO BE CLARIFIED BEFORE ANY MAJOR STEPS CAN BE TAKEN. IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE PARTIES TO BE FLEXIBLE
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AND SUPPORTING SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

--WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE TALKS AS THE MOST REALISTIC FRAMEWORK FOR MAKING PRACTICAL PROGRESS ON A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. KISSINGER UNQTE KISSINGER

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